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PRISONER: Obst/Lt TARBURK, Robert von

Head of VI-Z Ost

Obst/Lt Robert von TARBURK was appointed head of VI-Z Ost, IRAQUE, November 1944 and served in this capacity until the surrender of the protectorate. He has important information on the activities of this organization.

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The territory of VI-Z Ost included all of E Europe. The chief function of VI-Z agents was to spy on the enemy communications net. TARBUK placed his main agents in Halbeskoopfe which were successively located in BUDAPEST, HUNG (December 1944), GULZ, and STEIN am RANGER. The main agents were free to choose their own subordinates.

VI-Z Ost could only submit its reports to BGS O/Fuhrer WEINBLAN at two-week intervals because the German communications system was disrupted by Allied operations.

(3) Personnel of VI-Z Ost

Chief: Obst/Lt TARBUK
 Deputy: Hptm HELMSCHUTZER, formerly with 4st PRAGUE, III-F
 Evaluation and Editing: Sgt STRAKES, formerly 1st SCFLA
 Lab Aid: C/Gefr WEGENER, formerly 1st SCFLA
 Messenger: Gefr TUBISCH, formerly 1st SCFLA
 Driver: Fr ESCH, formerly with 1st SALONIKA
 Office Chief: LSCHNER (civilian employee)
 Liaison: Hptm LANG, formerly IV-3/a2, Gestapo PRAGUE
 Joined VI-Z Ost in February 1945
 Secretaries: Frl RUSSELLAN, Frl NOCK and Frau GESSER
 ME WEN: C/Lt SCHLIMDT, von PAREN (civilian employee)
 ME STEIN am RANGER: Lt BALLON
 ME GULZ: Hptm GEBEL, 1st SCFLA
 Hptm FIEDLER, 1st WEN and BELGRADE
 Gefr RICHTER, 1st BRISLAW and SCFLA
 Driver: Uffz TRAMMER
 Secretary: Frau GELM, 1st WEN
 Punkspiele: C/Lt BERGER

(4) Selection and Commitment of Agents

The dissolution of the Balkan lists (except 1st BUCHAREST), which started August 1945, released many agents for duty elsewhere. Because of the Russian advance many agents retreated slowly toward the Protectorate. The HK were therefore well provided with men who were willing to work, but who were none too eager to venture behind the enemy lines. Since many of these agents had come from SCFLA and were accustomed to the easy method of obtaining information via Turkey, it was imperative that better agents be recruited.

For this purpose TARBUK obtained the aid of a Russian citizen, Dr WLODZIMIER (alias PARSIFEL), a very able man who recruited a number of Polish agents. These were known as the "Polish Group." Among them was a couple named KOSLOWSKY, who were brought to PRAGUE to train as radio operators. Their training was never completed. The Polish Group was extremely anxious to work against the USSR inasmuch as almost all of them were members of "L.K," the Polish anti-Soviet resistance movement.

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There was also a "Ukrainian Group" under Maj von KORAB (aliases Dr MAJL SKI, Dr KOVCHY), which came to PRAGUE after the dissolution of 4st KRANKOW.

Plans were under way to activate a Hungarian Group, but it never actually operated.

A Spanish Group was transferred to VI-2 West and TARBURK knows nothing of its activities.

Most of the agents of these groups were reluctant to cross the front lines into enemy territory. Consequently much information had to be obtained from refugees and deserters.

(5) Agents Attached to VI-2 East and the Spanish Group

(a) Group I (Ukrainian Group)

Leader: Maj von KORAB Office: Jungmannstrasse
30, PRAGUE

Agents: ILINSKY

~~KORAB~~

FRITZ

MESSER

L. NIECKI

KRUCK

ILCIN

(b) Group II (Polish Group)

Leader: Dr WOLOCHEFF Office: Tischlergasse 29
PRAGUE

Agents: KOSLOWSKI and his wife Dorota

PL. RICKI

JANUSZEK

Erich SCHULZ

SCHNEIDER

(c) Group III (Hungarian Group)

Leader: Consul and Hungarian Lt Col LISZAY.

Received orders from MK MIEN

Agents: LISZAY (son), radio operator

FUSZIL-SZARZLI

KOVACZI

P.....(?)

(d) Group IV (Spanish Group) Not personally known to
TARBURK

Agents: JAKUBER and his wife. Radio operators
who were to operate in MADRID

KOVACZ II was to operate in LISBON

KAMRUS was to reside in LISBON

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ANNEX IV

PERSONALITY LIST

PRISONER: Obst/Lt TROJAK, Robert von

Head of VI-Z Ost

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1. von BERGL (fnu) Eptn VI-Z, BRESLAU
born 1900 1.78m slender blond hair blue eyes
Hisc: Owns estate BISOPT (Silosin). Identification HEERMANN AIC 1683 (of P 1064)
 2. BORTZKEFF (fnu) alias BESSER Agent of VI-Z, TLAQUE
Career: Connected with group of Ukrainian agents who operated behind Russian lines.
 3. ESCH, Erich Fw VI-Z Ost beg in Dec 44 Austrian
born 1899 Saxony 1.64m stocky bald blue eyes false teeth
Career: 1941 member of Abw Kdo SCHULISCHLAGER in Balkans.
Hisc: Last known to have gone to WSLIS-LITZ.
 4. ESCHNER, Karl
lives TLAQUE born 1886 1.75m slender brown hair blue eyes glasses
Career: 1939 joined Asst TLAQUE
Hisc: Married, 3 children. Wife lives TLAQUE. High-ranking Party member.
 5. FREYD (fnu) alias LACO alias FLSTT alias HILD Obst/Lt Chief of VI-Z BSHA BERLIN
lives MAINZ last seen 28 Feb 45 BERN born 1898 N-IFZ 1.70 m stocky black hair brown eyes
Hisc: Married, 1 child. Wife lives MAINZ. Old Party member. Operated pharmaceutical factory in MAINZ. Cigar-smoker. Apr 45 telegraphed he was with Anta KRAIOFFER in BERGENTZ. Presumably reached Switzerland.
 6. GLADY (fnu) alias ZARTOZEK and Ing WAGNER Interpreter, VI-Z TLAQUE Polish
born 1907 LVOV 1.76 m slender brown hair grey eyes
Career: Formerly with Asst GR COM. Evaluated reports of Ukrainian group in TLAQUE.
Hisc: Speaks bad German.

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7. KLAUS ITZER, Alfred alias Inz KLEMENT alias KLAUS Liaison officer for TRAGUE

indexed
lives OBERLEUTENS DORF, Sudetenland born 1900 1.70 m muscular
blond hair blue eyes lung ailment

Career: Worked in Ast DEBSSEN against Czechoslovakia. 1942 joined Ast TRAGUE, chief of III-F. Later led Abw Trupp.

Mar: married. Wife lives OBERLEUTENS DORF. Old SS man. 10 Apr 45 left for home, intending to flee to Bavaria or Austria. Speaks Czech.

8. MOEZA, Michael alias MICHEL Agent leader in TRAGUE

born 1912 1.64 m stocky brown hair brown eyes

Career: Jan 45 began recruiting agents in TRAGUE.

Mar: married. Wife lives TRAGUE, Jungfermannstr 30. Russian Orthodox priest who organized customs officials into agent group. Former brewery representative in SAPOK, Poland. 25 Apr 45 left TRAGUE for LODZISEK. Speaks Russian, Polish, Ukrainian.

9. KOVACS III (fnu) alias TIBOR W/T agent of VI-2 in TRAGUE Oct 44 Hungarian

born 1907 1.72 m slender black hair brown eyes false teeth

Mar: married. Wife lives Hungary. Artist. Owned amusement park in JUDA-PEST. Left TRAGUE for ZWIESEL.

10. KRAIGER (fnu) H-tn VI-2 BERLIN, adj to Obst/Lt FREUND 1943-Feb 45

lives FLAGENFURT born 1891 1.78 m slender brown hair blue eyes reading glasses no teeth

Career: Until 1943 headed III-F Ast BELGRADE and had own agents.

Mar: Illegal Party member. Ortsgruppenleiter Feb 45. Fled with FREUND to BEZGIEZ. May have crossed into Switzerland.

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11. KRICK (cover name - NU) Agent of VI-2 TRAGUE

12. Dr LAGO, Heinz H-tn alias Dr FROELICH VI-2 Ost, in TRAGUE after Feb 45

born 1898 1.70 m slender white hair blue eyes. Diabetic

Career: 1943 Ast BELGRADE. With Abw Kap 310, trfd Ast TRAGUE. Then with IV-3/a 2 (Gostav). Mar 45 left TRAGUE for TRAGWEIN to reserve rooms for agents there.

Mar: married, 3 children. Banking official in LINZ until 1926. 1926 mgr of Volks Kredit Bank, TRAGWEIN-LINZ. 1936 operated lumber yard and often travelled to Balkans. Speaks French, Italian.